

# Xeriscape Contest



**Your Water  
Efficient Landscape  
can be a Winner!**

The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)  
in partnership with Tohono Chul Park

**Present:**

**A Xeriscape Contest  
for Homeowners  
and Professionals  
throughout  
the Tucson  
Metropolitan  
Area**



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## XERISCAPE CONTEST - HOMEOWNER ENTRY FORM

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2003**

**QUESTIONS: CALL 742-6455, EXT. 216**

Instructions: Complete this form and send photos or slides, list of plants, site plan, and water use worksheets along with your \$10 entry fee to:

Tohono Chul Park/ADWR Xeriscape Landscape Awards  
7366 No. Paseo del Norte  
Tucson, AZ 85704

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY-TIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (MAIN CROSS STREETS): \_\_\_\_\_

## *Your landscape can be a winner*

### TOHONO CHUL PARK & ADWR HOST XERISCAPE LANDSCAPING AWARDS

The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) is collaborating with Tohono Chul Park on the Third Annual Xeriscape Landscaping Contest for the Tucson metropolitan area. Awards will be given in recognition of the work of property owners who have made innovative and appropriate use of native and low-water-use plants, water harvesting, graywater and efficient irrigation systems.

The use of Xeriscaping and native plants is an important aspect of desert appropriate landscaping and promoting water conservation in our community. Fine examples of these exist throughout the Tucson area.

Landscapes must have been substantially designed, installed and maintained by a homeowner. These may include single-family, condominium, town house or manufactured home residences. Entrants should save this year's water bills to allow overall water efficiency to be evaluated. Landscapes must be at least two years old.

The contest is designed to recognize and showcase homeowners who have implemented Xeriscape principles and used native plants in their landscapes. ADWR and Tohono Chul Park would like to increase awareness of innovations in landscaping and water-use efficiency.

### THE XERISCAPE PRINCIPLES:

- Water conserving design
- Use of low water use/drought tolerant plants, zoned by water use
- Reduction of high water using turf or plants
- Incorporation of rainwater harvesting techniques
- Appropriate irrigation methods and water efficient scheduling by plant type, site conditions and seasonal water needs.
- Soil improvements and use of mulches, to retain soil moisture and reduce evaporation.
- Proper maintenance practices.

### HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete the attached application form and mail to Tohono Chul Park. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on March 31, 2003.
2. Include a description of any special design features, date when the landscape was installed, a list of plants, a layout map of the landscape, cost of installation and \$10 entry fee.
3. Fill in the attached monthly water use worksheet for the past 12 months and the optional "Volume Based Landscape Audit Worksheet" supplied with this entry form (you earn extra points for completing the audit).
4. Select a minimum of two and maximum of six 4x5 color prints or 35mm slides showing your landscape. (Additional photos are helpful but cannot be returned.)

**Contest finalists will be  
judged by site visits.**

### JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries must be substantially designed and installed by the homeowner (there is a separate category for entries professionally designed and installed). Judges will consider elements of water efficient Xeriscape design.

Special Considerations, (check all that apply)  
This entry:

- ☐ Is planted with at least 75% native Sonoran and/or Chihuahuan Desert plants.
- ☐ Was designed to attract wildlife.
- ☐ Is a revegetation of previously disturbed desert. (Provide before and after pictures.)
- ☐ Is a retrofit of a high-water using landscape. Provide before and after water-use. Estimate if external water use is not separately metered.
- ☐ Is designed to incorporate rainwater harvesting and/or graywater systems, use of mulch or other methods to reduce the use of groundwater for irrigation.
- ☐ Is a special treatment of a hillside or slope.

### AWARDS

Winning entries will be honored at a special ceremony to be held in May at Tohono Chul Park.  
**For questions call 742-6455, ext. 216**

**DEADLINE:  
March 31, 2003 5 p.m.**

If you need more information on Xeriscape landscaping with native and low-water-use plants, or, would like a low-water use plant list, please call 770-3816 or visit our websites at:

[www.tohonochulpark.org](http://www.tohonochulpark.org) or  
[www.water.az.gov](http://www.water.az.gov)